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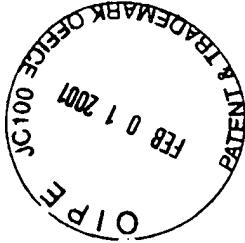
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/696,982; Filed: October 27, 2000
For: **Screening Assays for G Protein Coupled Receptor Agonists and
Antagonists**
Inventors: Bringhurst *et al.*
Our Ref: 0609.4430001/JAG/CMB

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (14 pages);
3. Copies of references AA1, AB1, AL1, AM1, AR1, AS1, AT1, AR2, AS2, AT2, AR3, AS3, AT3, AR4, AS4, AT4, AR5, AS5, AT5, AR6, AS6, AT6, AR7, AS7, AT7, AR8, AS8, AT8, AR9, AS9, AT9, AR10, AS10, AT10, AR11, AS11, AT11, AR12, AS12, AT12, AR13, AS13, AT13, AR14, AS14, and AT14; and
4. A return postcard.



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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/903,977, filed July 31, 1997, which is directed to related technical subject matter. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2), a legible copy of this application is provided herein as Document AT14. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

Applicants also note that Document AL1 (WO 93/11257) is in a foreign language. An English language equivalent of this document, AU 668118, is attached as Document AM1.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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